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PASS LABOR FOR SEGALL, PERSONS AND QUACKENBUSH

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TAGS: ILO, PORG, JW,IELAB

SUBJECT: UU-ULO RELATIONS

REF: GENEVA 445

1. LABATT AND EMBOFF CALLED ON FON OFFICE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES DIVISION LAST WEEK TO HAVE PERIODIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON ILO AND TO MEET NEW DIVISION CHIEF NAKAMURA. WE OUTLINED REASONS BEHIND US LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM ILO, AND ATTEMPTED TO ELICIT FROM JAPANESE ANY SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO CORRECT MORE OBJECTIONABLE FEATURES OF ILO SO AS TO AVOID NECESSITY OF US WITHDRAWAL.

2. NAKAHARA AND HIS DEPUTY HORIGUCHI POLITELY BRUSHED OFF EFFORTS TO OBTAIN SUGGESTIONS FROM THEM WITH COMMENT THAT SPECIFIC JAPANESE PROPOSALS
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FOR OVERHAULING OF ILO STRUCTURE WOULD BE MADE IN

GENEVA IN WORKING PARTY MEETINGS. HOWEVER THEY DID MAKE FOLLOWING TWO POINTS IN UNACCUSTOMEDLY STRONG MANNER. FIRST, ONLY IF US REMAINS WITHIN ILO AND ACTIVELY SEEKS TO LEAD DISORGANIZED AND DISPIRITED WESTERN (INCLUDING JAPANESE) GROUP IS THERE ANY POSSIBILITY OF ACHIEVING VITALLY NEEDED CHANGES IN ILO STRUCTURE AND OPERATING PROCEDURES. SECONDLY, JAPANESE ANXIOUSLY AWAITING FROM US SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR CHANGES IN ILO ENABLING US TO REMAIN IN ORGANIZATION AND HOPE FOR IN DEPTH CONVERSATION WITH US REPS BEFORE GOVERNING BODY MEETS IN MID-FEB. WE REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO NEW LIGHT TO CAST ON THESE TWO POINTS.

3. SO CALLED "EMBASSY PAPER" LEFT WITH FON OFFICE WAS JAPANESE TRANSLATION OF ARTICLE ENTITLED "US SEEKS END TO POLITICAL DISCORD IN ILO" BY IPS STAFFER SAM BURKS WHICH APPEARED IN NOV. 18 ISSUE OF USIA'S EAST ASIA WIRELES FILE. COPY BEING POUCHED TO PFEIFFER. SHOESMITH UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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